

Epiphany Vespers 2021

Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Psalm Psalm 72:1–11

Blesséd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*

who alone does | wondrous things.

Give the king your justice, | O God,*

and your righteousness to the | royal son!

C: May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!

C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the | needy,*
and crush the op- | pressor!

May they fear you while the | sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!

C: May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!

In his days may the righteous | flourish,*
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!

C: May he have dominion from | sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends | of the earth!

May desert tribes bow down be- | fore him*
and his enemies | lick the dust!

C: May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him | tribute;*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!

May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*
all nations | serve him!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blesséd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.

Sit

Office Hymn 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove; A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

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**O let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—**

**Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation! Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!**

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**What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place
 Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 For the day of Your returning!**

Readings

Readings From Holy Scripture

After each reading is said:

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory Common



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
- 2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
- 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

Antiphon (Common)



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



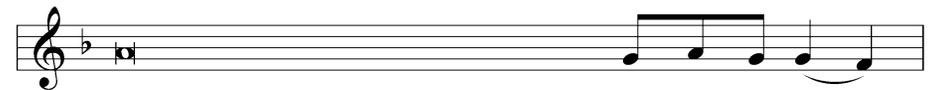
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Offering (please give online following the service)

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.